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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: PUBLIC ATTENTION IN PAST WEEK DIVIDED AMONG NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TOPICS. UNDERSTATED BUT CLEAR CONCERN EVIDENCED BY MEDIA TREATMENT OF (1) US CONGRESS LEGISLATING 200-MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE, (2) ANGOLA AS TEST OF US-SOVIET DETENTE, AND (3) LEBANON SITUATION AS POSSIBLE SPARK FOR RENEWED MID-EAST CONFLICT. SECSTATE'S SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS WAS PROMINENTLY COVERED AND DREW FAVORABLE COMMENT FROM OFTEN CRITICAL TBS-TV NETWORK. RETURN OF JDA OFFICIAL KUBO IMMEDIATELY AFTER RELEASE OF SECDEF ANNUAL REPORT CAUSED EXHISION OF SO-FAR REMARKABLY CALM PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE US-JAPAN DEFENSE OPERATIONS IN EMERGENCY.

GOJ-LDP DECISION TO GO FOR EARLY NPT RATIFICATION AND JSP ANNOUNCEMENT IT WOULD OPPOSE RATIFICATION LINKED TO JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT HAS SET OFF RENEWED NPT DEBATE.

SECOND IMPORTANT ONGOING PUBLIC DEBATE IS ON INDUSTRIAL CIRCLES' EFFORTS TO GET BAN EASED ON EXPORTING JAPAN-MADE ARMS SO THAT

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MILITARY-TPE TRANSPORT AND SEA-RESCUE PLANES COULD BE SOLD

ABROAD. PROMINENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANALYST SAEKI ARGUED IN 2/5 PRESS ARTICLE THAT THIS WOULD UNDERCUT BASIC JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY; AND PRESTIGIOUS DAILY ASAHI SAID ARMS EXPORT WOULD SHATTER JAPAN'S WORLD STANDING AS PEACE-LOVING NATION. PRESS ALSO ANNOUNCED PRC CONSULATE WILL OPEN SOON IN OSAKA, WHERE USSR ALREADY HAS CONSULATE. AND, ALL MEDIA BUILT UP TOWARD HEAVY COVERAGE OF WINTER OLYMPICS.

2. PROGRAM

A. ECONOMIST KENEN: REGIONAL ASP PETER KENEN OF PRINCETON APPEARED IN THREE AREAS DURING WEEK. AT TOKYO AC HIGH-LEVEL AUDIENCE OF 64 (58 ARS) JOINED KENEN IN DISCUSSION OF "INTER-NATIONAL MONETARY REFORM: WHAT WENT WRONG, WHAT COMES NEXT?" SPIRITED Q&A SESSION FORETOLD KIND OF ADJECTIVES AUDIENCE MEMBERS WOULD USE DESCRIBING PROGRAM: "BRILLIANT," "EXCITING," "MOST USFUL." AT OSAKA, KYOTO AND FUKUOKA KENEN DISCUSSED "FLEXIBLE EXCHANGE RATES AND NATIONAL AUTONOMY" IN MANNER TAILORED TO AUDIENCES' EXPERTISE. WITH OSAKA AC AUDEICE OF 26 ARS PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS WHO HAD STUDIED TEXT OF PRESENTATION, KENEN ENGAGED IN EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSION THAT DEVELOPED MUTUAL RESPECT AND FINE RAPPORT. BPAO SAID EXCELLENCE OF PROGRAM DUE, BESIDES BRILLIANCE OF SPEAKER, TO HIGHLY COMMENDABLE ICS SUPPORT. AT KYOTO AC, 15 ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS AND SEVEN PH.D. CANDIDATES REVIEWED SAME SUBJECT WITH KENEN, BUT WENT BEYOND TECHNICAL POINTS INTO POLICY CONSIDERATIONS. AGAIN, KENEN SHOWED HIMSELF WELL PREPARED AND WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF USG POSITION OF FLEXIBLE EXCHANGE RATES, MODERATOR PROFESSOR AMANO OF KOBE UNIVERSITY, WHO HAD TRANSLATED KENEN BOOK, REMARKED, "AMERICAN CENTERS HAVE COME LONG WAY IN ECONOMIC PROGRAMMING." IN FUKUOKA, ENEN HAD PROGRAM CO-SPONSORED BY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS STUDY ASSN., MADE UP OF BUSINESS, FINANCIAL AND ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS. LOCAL BANK OF JAPAN HEAD IS CHAIRMAN. INCLUDING ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, 35 ARS PRIMARY AUDIENCE ATTENDED; STUDENT ATTENDEES BROUGHT TOTAL AUDIENCE TO 48. RESPONSE AGAIN WAS EXCELLENT. ICS-SUPPLIED TEXTS GREATLY ENHANCED IMPACT. KENEN HAS SAID, "THESE PROGRAMS PUT ME IN CONTACT WITH RIGHT PEOPLE ON RIGHT SUBJECT." USIS-ARRANGED INTERVIEW OF KENEN WAS PROMINENTLY CARRIED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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DAILY NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED SEPARATE COVERAGE OF TAC PROGRAM. LIKEWISE, DAILY SANKEI FRONT-PAGE COLUMN 2/3 SUMMARIZED KENEN'S TAC PRESENTATION.

B. EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER: IN NAGOYA, EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER RUSSELL PRICKETT MET AT AICHI TRADE CENTER WITH 10 MAJOR AREA EXPORTERS AND MITI OFFICIALS FOR ROUNDTABLE ON "TRADE BETWEEN U.S. AND AICHI," WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY DINNER

DISCUSSION WITH MITI OFFICIAL AND NAGOYA CITY UNIV. PROFESSOR OF ECONOMIC MATSUNAGA. PRICKETT VERY EFFECTIVELY DISPELLED MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT 1974 U.S. TRADE ACT AND EXPLAINED STATE OF U.S. ECONOMIC RECOVERY, PROVING EXCELLENT, AUTHORITY- TATIVE SPOKESMAN FOR U.S.

C. JAPAN DESK OFFICER: STATE DEPT. COUNTRY DESK OFFICER FOR JAPAN, WILLIAM SHERMAN, MET AT FAC WITH DOZEN GRAD AND UNDER- GRADUATE STUDENTS OF FUKUOKA FOR WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION ON US-JAPAN RELATIONS, WHICH HELPED SHERMAN GET UPDATED ON HOW THINKING OF YOUNGER JAPANESE HAS EVOLVED SINCE HE LAST SERVED IN JAPAN.

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D. AMBASSADOR IN OSAKA: IN OSAKA, AMBASSADOR HODGSON HAD USIS-ARRANGED LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH SIX MEDIA LEADERS (MANAGING EDITORS AND DEPUTY MANAGING EDITORS OF LOCAL DAILIES AND WIRE SERVICES) ON ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF RAMBOUTILLET, U.S. ECONOMIC RECOVERY, PRESENT AND FUTURE US-JAPAN TRADE PROBLEMS, FOOD RESOURCES, AND IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. LEGISLATION ON 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT. AMBASSADOR ALSO JOINED OSAKA JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY CO-SPONSORED BICENTENNIAL LECTURE SERIES AS GUEST PANELIST WITH SONY CHAIRMAN MORITA, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S. USHIBA AND NOTED KHOTO UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENTIST KOHSAKA AS MODERATOR. SUBJECT WAS US-JAPAN ECONOMIC

RELATIONS, INCLUDING COOPERATION ON OIL AND ENERGY PROBLEMS, INTERDEPENDENCE OF ECONOMICS OF U.S. AND JAPAN, AND POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BARRIERS TO DOING BUSINESS IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES. SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY 300-400 SOCIETY MEMBERS AND SOME MEMBERS OF PUBLIC ATTRACTED BY NEWSPAPER NOTICES OF MEETING. FINALLY, IN OSAKA AMBASSADOR ALSO HAD USIS-ASSISTED BREAKFAST MEETING WITH SMALL GROUP OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SPECIALISTS.

E. . OF HAWAII ECONOMIST: VOLSPKR SEIJI NAYA OF UNIV OF HAWAII, CURRENTLY ROCKEFELLER VISITING PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT BANGKOK'S THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY, HAD LIVELY SESSION AT TOKYO UNCLASSIFIED

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AC WITH SENIOR STAFF ECONOMISTS OF INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPING ECONOMICS, ONE THAI AND TWO KOREAN RESEARCHERS STUDYING AT INSTITUTE. JAPAN-BORN NAYA DID HIGHLY COMPETENT JOB OF HANDLING HIS END OF DISCUSSION ON TRADE, INVESTMENT AND U.S. ROLE IN ASIAN DEVELOPMENT.

F. OTHER MEDIA PLACEMENT: 1/31 ISSUE OF WEEKLY ECONOMIC JOURNAL "DIAMOND" CARRIED 5-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH LAST FALL'S ASP, PROFESSOR LESTER LVE, ON NEW TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS NEEDED TO SOLVE RESOURCE PROBLEMS. 2/2 ISSUE OF MASS-CIRCULATION WEEKLY SUNDAY MAINICHI INCLUDED 2-PAGE PICTURE STORY OF SEND-OFF PARTY FOR TWO STUDENTS TOURING U.S. SISTER CITIES. INCLUDED PHOTO OF CPAO PRESENTING ARBA SEAL (ITEM 3, 1/14 WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS).

3. BICENTENNIAL: AT SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL OPENING THIS WEEK, CPAO MILLER PRESENTED ARBA SEAL AND CUT RIBBON AT "AMERICA SQUARE" KEYED TO BICENTENNIAL. CPAO ALSO WAS INTERVIEWED BY HOKKAIDO SHIMBUN. SNOW/ICE SCULPTURE INCLUDES ONE-THIRD SCALE MODEL OF WHITE HOUSE (500 TRUCKLOADS OF SNOW, 1500 MEN), TWO JIMA FLAG-RAISING STATUE AND, AS TALLEST STRUCTURE ON SQUARE, U.S. CAPITAL BUILDING.

4. OTHER EVENTS OF USIS INTEREST

A. AWARD TO USIA'S FRANK BABA: FOREIGN PRESS CENTER'S FRANK BABA RECEIVED SPECIAL AWARD FROM BROADCAST CULTURE FOUNDATION IN ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY AT KEIDAREN HALL. MR. BABA WAS NOMINATED FOR AWARD BY JAPANESE PRESS CORPS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON ESPECIALLY FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN COVERING EMPEROR'S U.S. VISIT BUT ALSO FOR HIS ASSISTANCE TO JAPAN BROADCASTING INDUSTRY OVER THREE DECADES. BABA WAS ONLY FOREIGNER TO RECEIVE AWARD, AND AS RESULT WAS FEATURED ON NHK-TV NETWORK MORNING SHOW "STUDIO 102", WHERE HE DESCRIBED PRESS CENTER'S MISSION AND REMINISCED ON HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS CAREER, INCLUDING ARRANGING AND INTERPRETING FOR EXCLUSIVE

NHK INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. PROGRAM IS SEEN BY 18
PERCENT F TV AUDIENCE NATIONWIDE.

B. MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SAKANISHI: DPAO DELIVERED SPEECH OF
TRIBUTE FOR THE AMBASSADOR, FOR HIMSELF, AND FOR ALL AMERICANS
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AT LARGE PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR LATE SHIO SAKANISHI, WELL-KNOWN
LITEARY FIGURE AND LONG-TERM PUBLIC ADVOCATE OF JAPANESE-AMERICAN
POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL COOPERATION. SOME 500 OF JAPAN'S
INTELLECTUAL ELITE PARTICIPATED. TELEGRAMS WERE READ FROM FORMER
AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER AND LIBRAIRAN OF CONGRESS BOORSTIN, SINCE
SAKANISHI WORKED FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS BEFORE WORLD WAR II.
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